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Argentine Police Discover ERP Report on U.S. Embassy

On 12 November Argentine police raided a People's Revolutionary Army (ERP) safesite apartment in Buenos Aires, which had been used by two members of the ERP general staff. The police confiscated a large quantity of ERP documents, including a report of some 20 pages in English entitled "The U.S. Embassy in Argentina." The document was not dated but appeared to have been written in about April 1974. The report refers to several U.S. Embassy officials, including the Ambassador. It includes biographic data on some officers, which appears to come mainly from the official U.S. diplomatic Biographic Register, and in some cases attempts to analyze the responsibilities of a particular officer and the reason for his assignment to Argentina. The report also analyzes various embassy functions, especially in the political, labor and intelligence areas. It asserts that the embassy exists primarily to formulate and implement policies to complement the efforts of the right, the local oligarchy and wealthy bourgeoisie, in order to preserve imperialist domination and exploitation. 3.5(c)

There was no indication in the document as to whether the ERP had intended to take any sort of action as a result of this report. Among the U.S. personnel named in the document, however, was Alfred A. Laun, director of the USIS center in Cordoba, who was kidnapped by the ERP on 12 April 1974. There has been previous reporting that the ERP was collecting information on the U.S. Embassy, and several other plans for terrorist attacks on the embassy and its personnel have been reported.

the ERP believed the U.S. Embassy was supporting the Argentine Anti-Communist Alliance, and therefore the ERP planned to undertake an assassination campaign against embassy personnel. 3.3(b)(1)

3.3(b)(1) the ERP was planning to kidnap a U.S. diplomat and had assembled a list of all U.S. personnel at the embassy. It is possible that the above document was related to these aborted terrorist plans, as well as the Laun kidnapping. As the ERP apparently compiled the report well over a year ago and has not undertaken any terrorist attack against embassy personnel since early 1974, the recent discovery of the document probably does not indicate any unusual current danger to U.S. diplomats. 3.5(c)

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